

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-30 are pending in this application. Claims 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent application publication 2002/0032907 to Daniels. Claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Daniels in view of the vCalendar Specification, v0.4 (herein “the vCalendar Specification”).

Addressing the above-noted rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response as discussed next.

Each of the independent claims is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, the claims clarify an operation such as shown for example in Figure 16 in the present invention directed to how specific record reservation data is downloaded.

As shown for example in Figure 16 in the present specification data (Electronic Program Guide (EPG)) to display a screen such as shown for example in Figure 16 is sent by an external apparatus (a server). Such a display is a program table displaying programs with respective selection buttons 251. That is, different selection buttons 251 are provided for individual programs respectively to allow selecting of the individual programs. A user can review that program table and select programs on the program table by selecting one of the respective selection buttons 251 on the program table corresponding to a respective program. The server can then transmit record reservation data to a remote device based on the user selection of the buttons on the program table. That is, the data (the EPG Program) sends a signal that requests the scheduling data of one program according to a respective pressed button to the external apparatus (server). Thereby, the record reservation can be downloaded to a user.

With such a structure the volume of the EPG data received at one time can be decreased as only the data is provided corresponding to one selected program based on one selected button. Thereby, scheduling of a television program can be realized even with a communication line with a slow transmission rate.

The above-noted features are clarified in the claims. Specifically, the claims now clarify the program table “displaying programs with respective selection buttons”. The claims also clarify a user selecting programs on the program table “by selecting one of the respective selection buttons on the program table corresponding to a respective program”. The claims also clarify transmitting “record reservation data to the remote device of the user based on the user selections of the buttons in the program table”.

As noted above with such a claimed structure the record reservation data of one program can be transmitted at a time, and thereby TV program scheduling can be realized even with a line of a slow transmission rate.

Applicants respectfully submit that above-noted features clarified in the claims distinguish over the applied art.

Daniels is cited as the primary reference, but Daniels does not disclose or suggest providing a display of a program table with “respective selection buttons”, and whereby a user can select programs on the program table “by selecting one of the respective selection buttons on the program table corresponding to a respective program”. In Daniels the transmitting of reservation data is also not based on user selections of buttons in the program table corresponding to different programs. Thereby Daniels does not appear to be able to realize one benefit in the claimed invention allowing scheduling of a TV program even with a communication line of a slow transmission rate.

In such ways, the claims as written are believed to distinguish over Daniels.

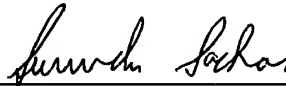
Moreover, no teachings in the vCalendar Specification are believed to cure the deficiencies of Daniels.

In view of the present response applicants respectfully submit the claims as written are allowable over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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